(b) The Central Ground Water Board is responsible for carrying out survey and assessment of ground water resources in various parts of the country and assisting the States and Union Territories in developing broad policy guidelines for development and management of ground water resources including their conservation, augmentation and protection from pollution and regulation of extraction and conjunctive use of surface and ground water resources.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Central Ground Water Board through its field offices located in various States has been maintaining liaison with various Departments and Agencies of State Governments dealing with ground water for taking suitable measures for proper development and management of ground water resources. Besides, the Central Ground Water Authority has written to the State Governments and held meetings with their representatives at various levels to tackle the problem related with ground water.

(d) and (e) The steps taken by the Government to conserve and preserve the quality of ground water include:—

(1) Setting up of Central Ground Water Authority by the Central Government for regulation in control of ground water management and development.

(2) Circulation of a Model Bill to the States/ Union Territories to enable them to enact the suitable legislation for regular and control of ground water development.

(3) Launching of mass awareness and education programme on the significance of efficient utilisation economy in consumption, maintaining quality of ground water and protecting it from pollution.

Japanese Aided Irrigation Projects in Orissa

2168. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japanese aid has been received by Government for the execution of Upper Kolab and Upper Indravati irrigation projects in Orissa;

(b) if so, the total amount of aid received from Japan for implementing these irrigation projects;

(c) the progress of these projects as on date; and

(d) by which year these projects would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Total Amount of Aid Committed By OECF Japan (Million Yen)	Progress of utilisation of Aid (Million Yen)	Date of Completion of the Project
1.	Upper Kolab Irrigation Project	3769.00	3113.693	20.07.98
2.	Upper Indravati Irrigation Project	3744.00	3375.383	20.01.99

World Bank funded Irrigation Projects

2169. SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the World Bank funded irrigation projects executed in Orissa at present and progress of each project as on date;

(b) the expected time of completion of those projects; and

(c) the fund allocation made for those projects, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) Orissa Water Resources